

# **Iperensione Arteriosa: una diagnosi e una terapia sempre “facili” ?**

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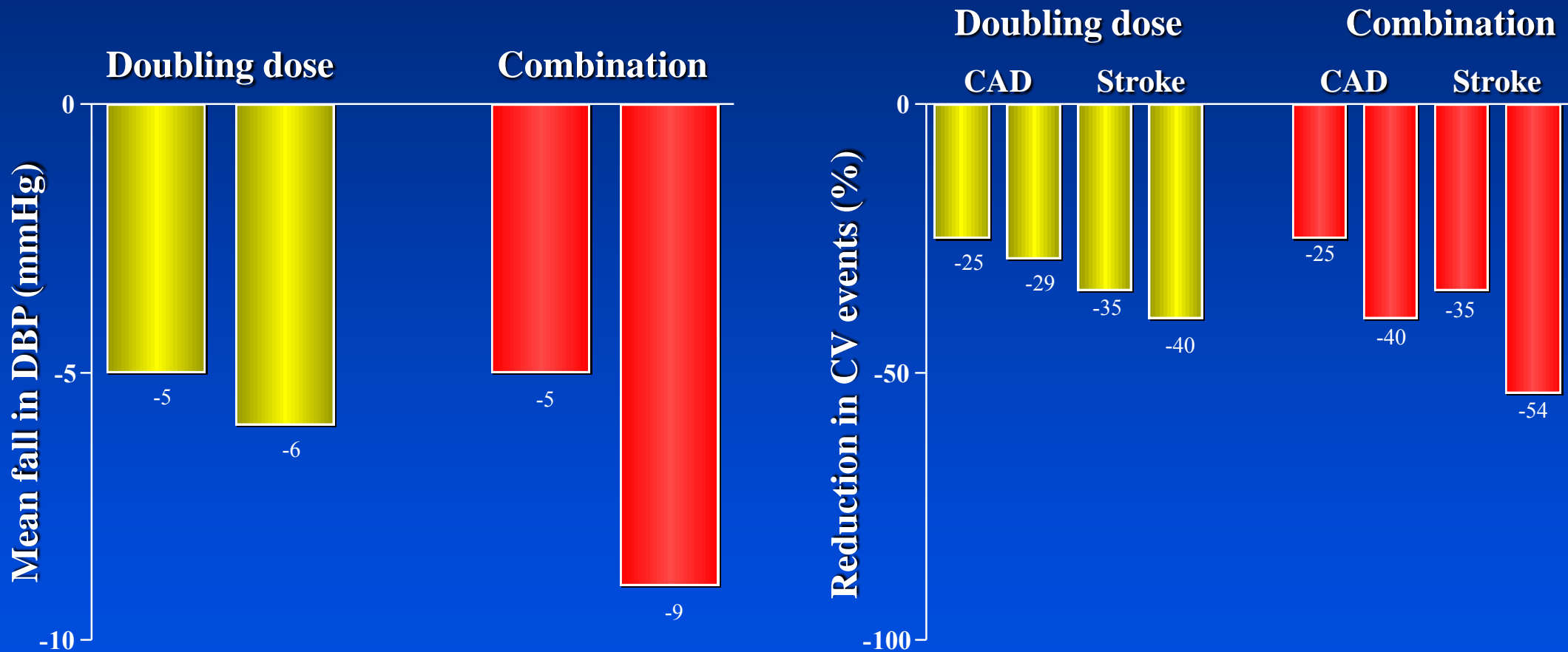
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**Which drugs should be used  
for treatment of hypertension ?**

**Any two**

**Citation from an eminent US Cardiologist 1980 circa**

# Effects of Doubling Dose of a Single Drug vs. Combining Two Drugs on Diastolic Blood Pressure and Cardiovascular Event Reduction



■ Doubling dose of single drug ■ Combination of two drugs low dose (any class)

Data from 42 trials (n = 10,968)

# How to Select the Antihypertensive Treatment

**Consider:**

Untreated BP level

Absence or presence of TOD and risk factors

**Choose between**

Single agent  
at low dose

Two-drug combination  
at low dose

**If goal BP not achieved**

Previous agent  
at full dose

Switch to different  
agent at low dose

Previous combination  
at full dose

Add a third drug  
at low dose

**If goal BP not achieved**

Two- to three-drug  
combination

Full dose  
monotherapy

Three drug combination  
at effective doses

# Advantages of combination treatment

- **Greater antiHT efficacy due to multiple mechanisms of action**
- **Lower incidence of side effects due to lower doses**
- **Increased patient compliance (particularly with fixed combination)**
- **Faster reaching of blood pressure target (particularly important in high risk patients)**

# **Criteria Farmacologici per l'Associazione di Farmaci Antipertensivi**

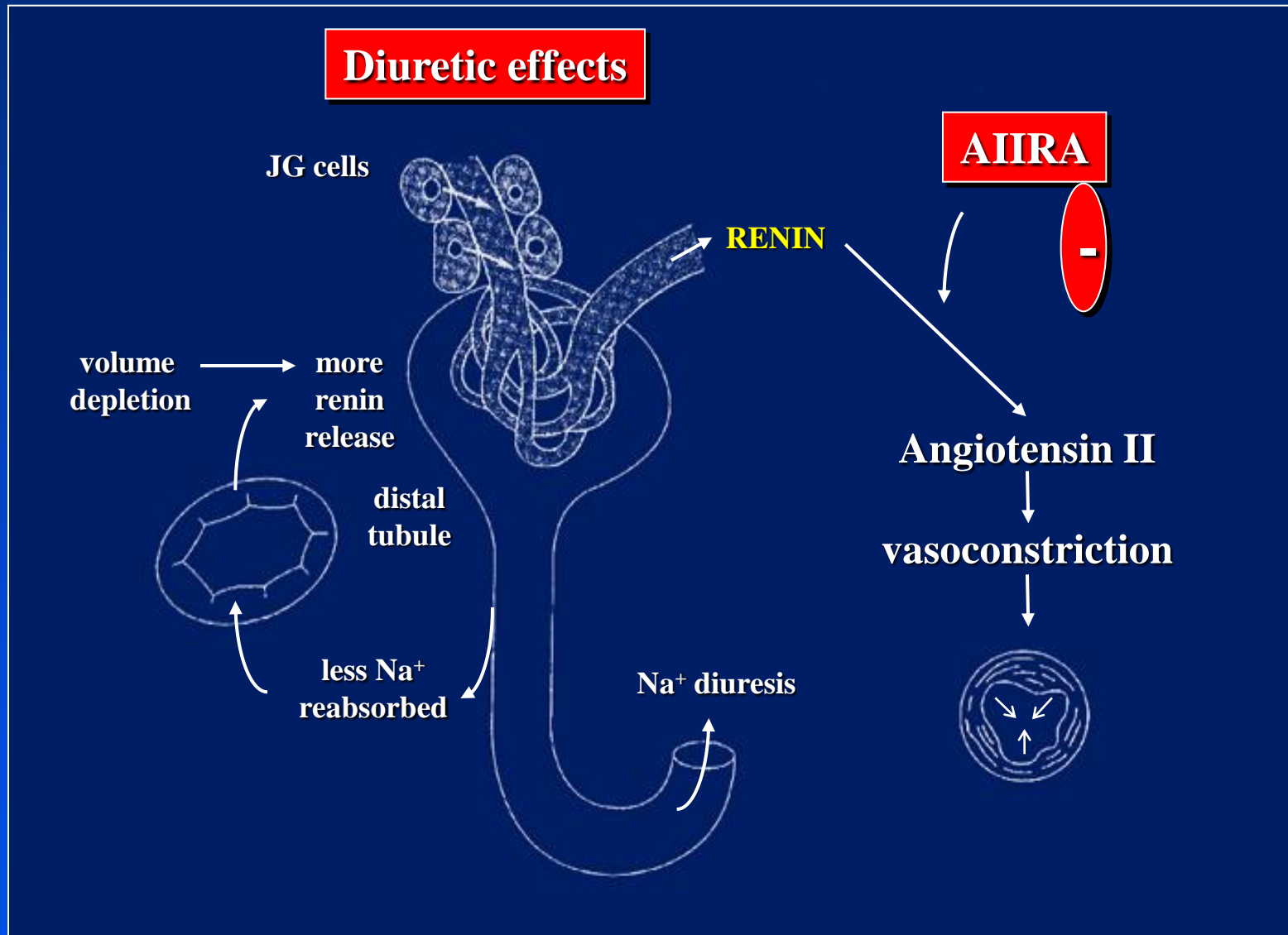
- 1. Associare farmaci con lo stesso profilo farmacocinetico in termini di tempo di picco e di durata d'azione**
- 2. Associare farmaci che hanno meccanismi d'azione diversi, ma complementari tra loro**
- 3. L'efficacia antipertensiva dell'associazione deve essere superiore all'efficacia di ciascun singolo componente (effetto additivo o di potenziamento)**
- 4. L'associazione deve minimizzare gli effetti umorali indesiderati**
- 5. L'associazione deve minimizzare gli effetti collaterali indesiderati**

# Associazioni Preformate tra Farmaci Antipertensivi: le Scelte Razionali

## Combinazioni farmacologiche efficaci

- Beta bloccante + diuretico
- Beta bloccante + calcioantagonista
- Beta bloccante + alfa bloccante
- ACE inibitore + calcioantagonista
- **ACE inibitore + diuretico**
- **ARB + diuretico**

# Rationale for Combination of AII Antagonists with Diuretics





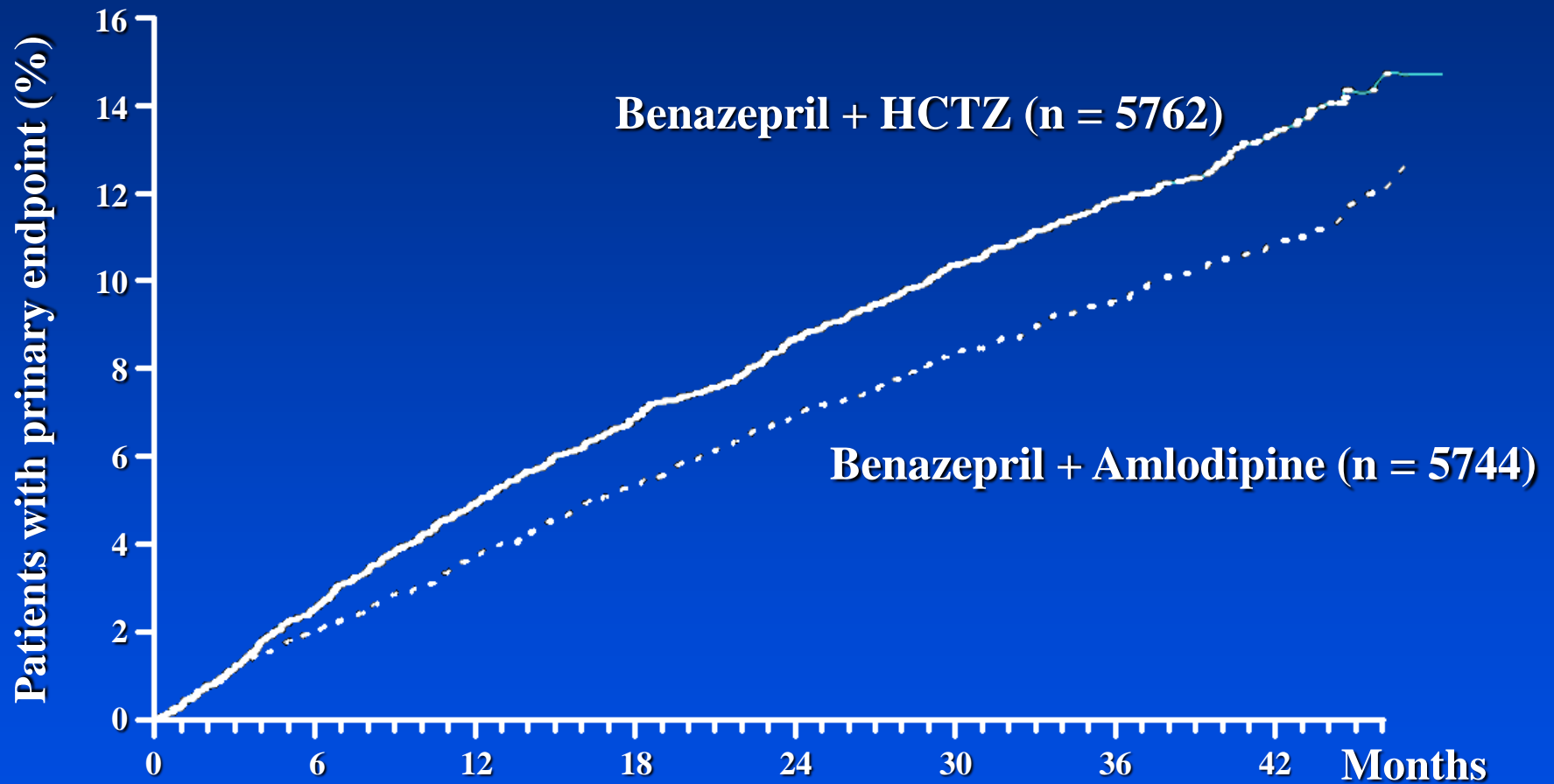
# Meccanismi Natriuretici dei Calcio-antagonisti

- **Aumento del flusso renale plasmatico (RPF)**
  - **Vasodilatazione arteriola afferente**
  - **Aumento del filtrato glomerulare (GFR)**
  - **Diminuzione del riassorbimento tubulare**
  - **Modulazione fattori vasoattivi / natriuretici (ANP, BK, NO)**
  - **Antagonismo recettori aldosterone**
- ↑ **Diuresi, Natriuresi → → Stimolazione RAAS**

# Preferred Indications of Calcium Antagonists, ACE-inhibitors and ARBs as First-line Antihypertensive Therapy

	CA-antagonists	ACE-inhibitors	ARBs
<b>Subclinical organ damage</b>			
Left ventricular hypertrophy	+	+	+
Asymptomatic atherosclerosis	+	+	
Microalbuminuria		+	+
Renal dysfunction		+	+
<b>Clinical events</b>			
Previous stroke	+	+	+
Previous MI		+	+
Angina pectoris	+		
Heart failure		+	+
Atrial fibrillation			
Recurrent		+	+
Permanent			
Peripheral artery disease	+		
Renal failure / proteinuria		+	+
<b>Condition</b>			
Isolated systolic hypertension	+		
Metabolic syndrome	+	+	+
Diabetes mellitus		+	+
Pregnancy	+		
Blacks	+		

# Time to First Primary Composite End Point in ACCOMPLISH Study

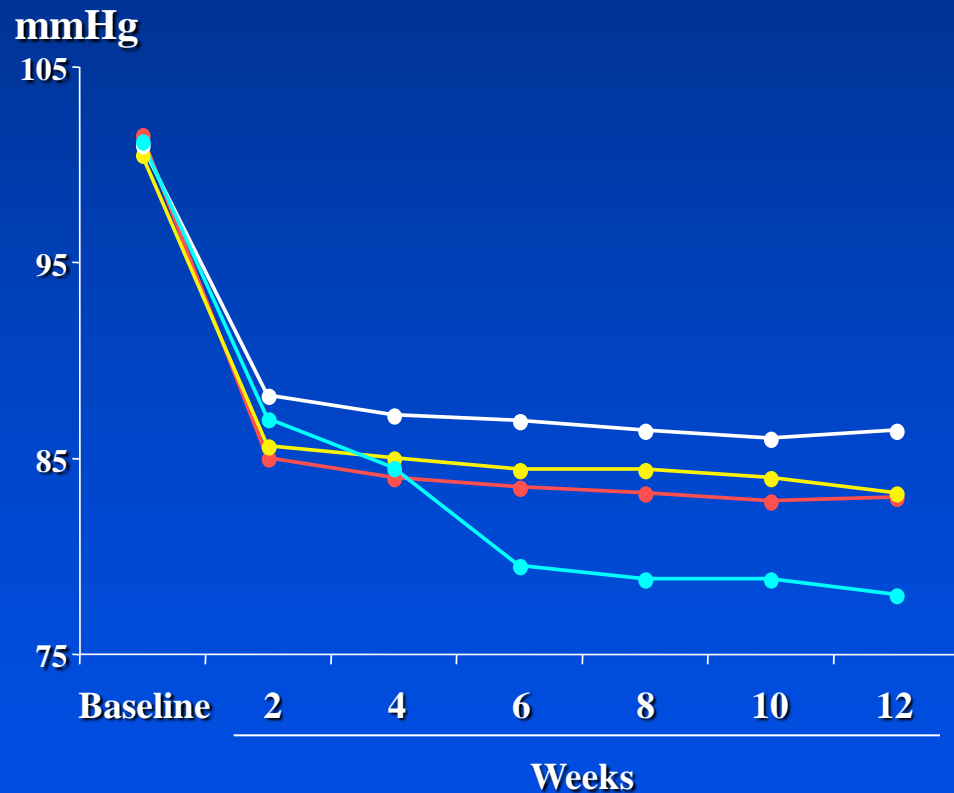


No. at Risk

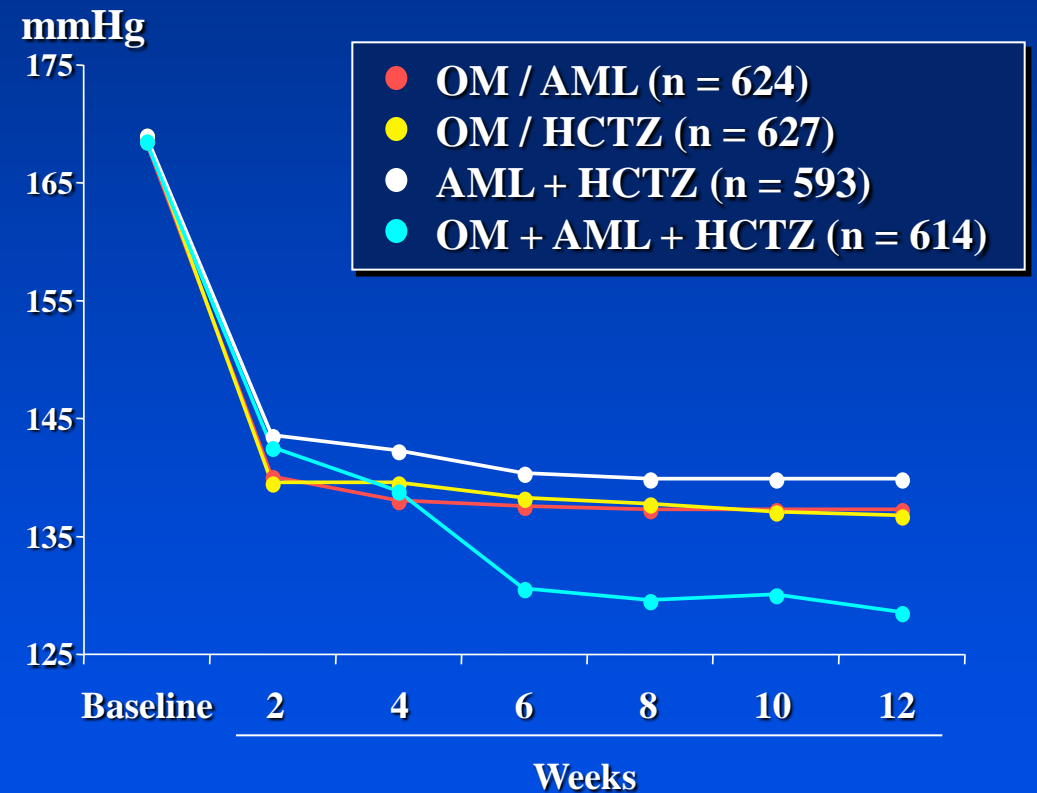
Benazepril plus amlodipine	5512	5317	5141	4959	4739	2826	1447
Benazepril plus hydrochlorothiazide	5483	5274	5082	4892	4655	2749	1390

# DBP and SBP over time with dual combination and triple combination treatment

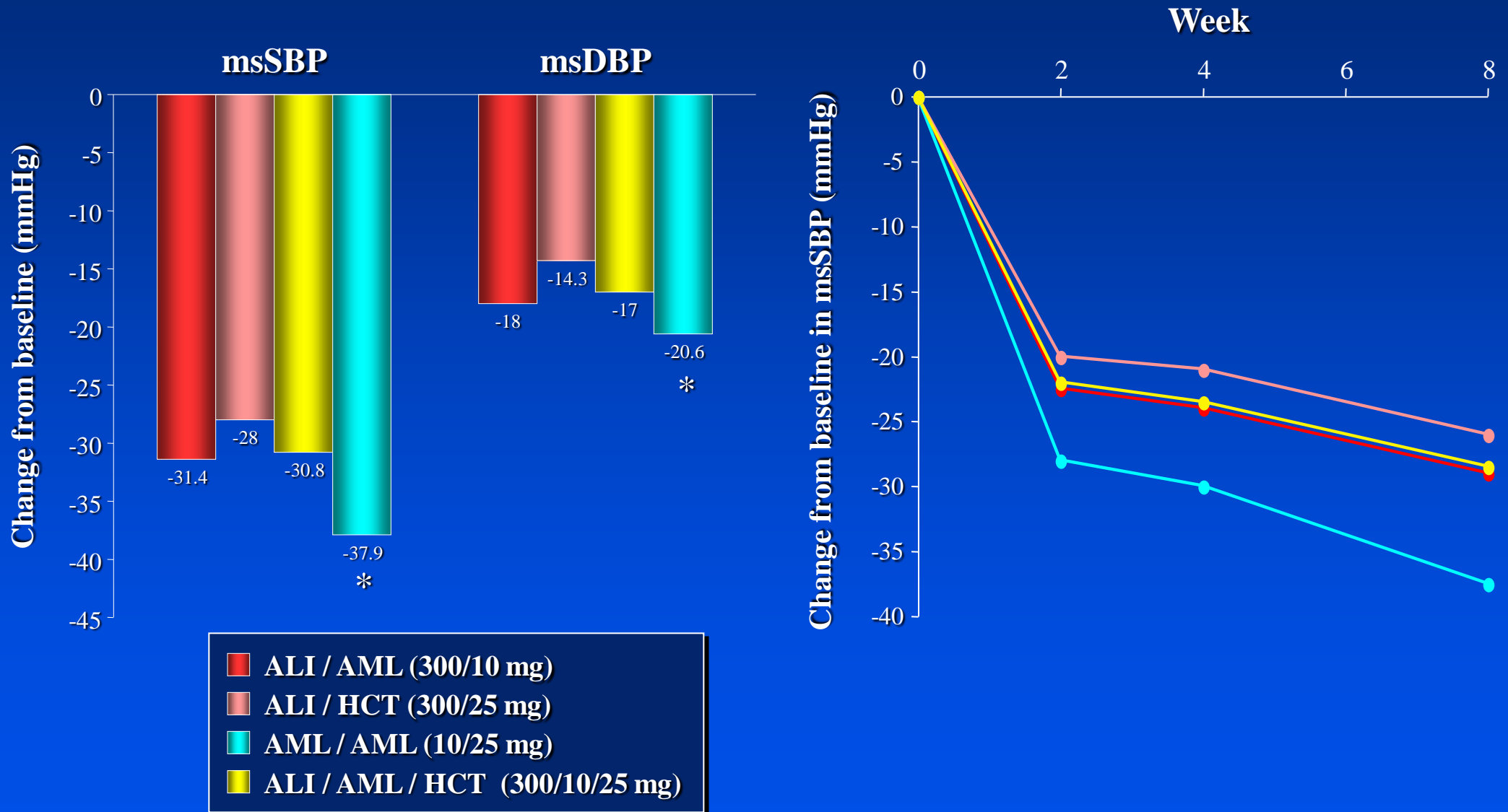
**DBP**



**SBP**



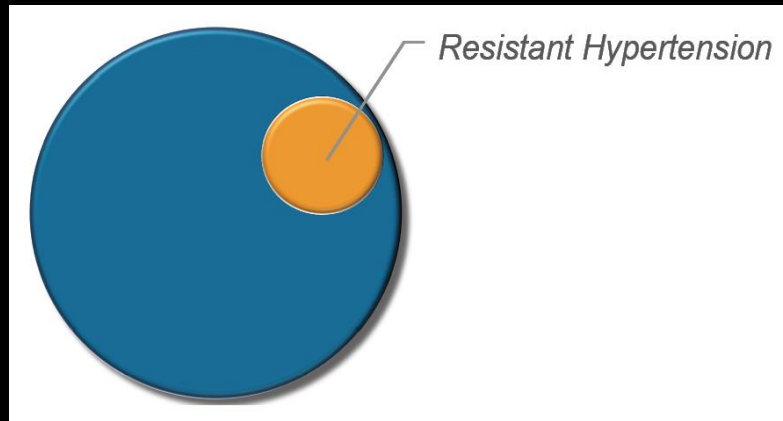
# Blood pressure lowering effect of aliskiren in double and triple combination



# Resistant Hypertension

Resistant Hypertension is defined as a failure to achieve goal BP (<140/90 mmHg for the overall population and < 130/80 mmHg for those with diabetes mellitus or chronic kidney disease) when a patient adheres to maximum tolerated doses of 3 antihypertensive drugs including a diuretic.

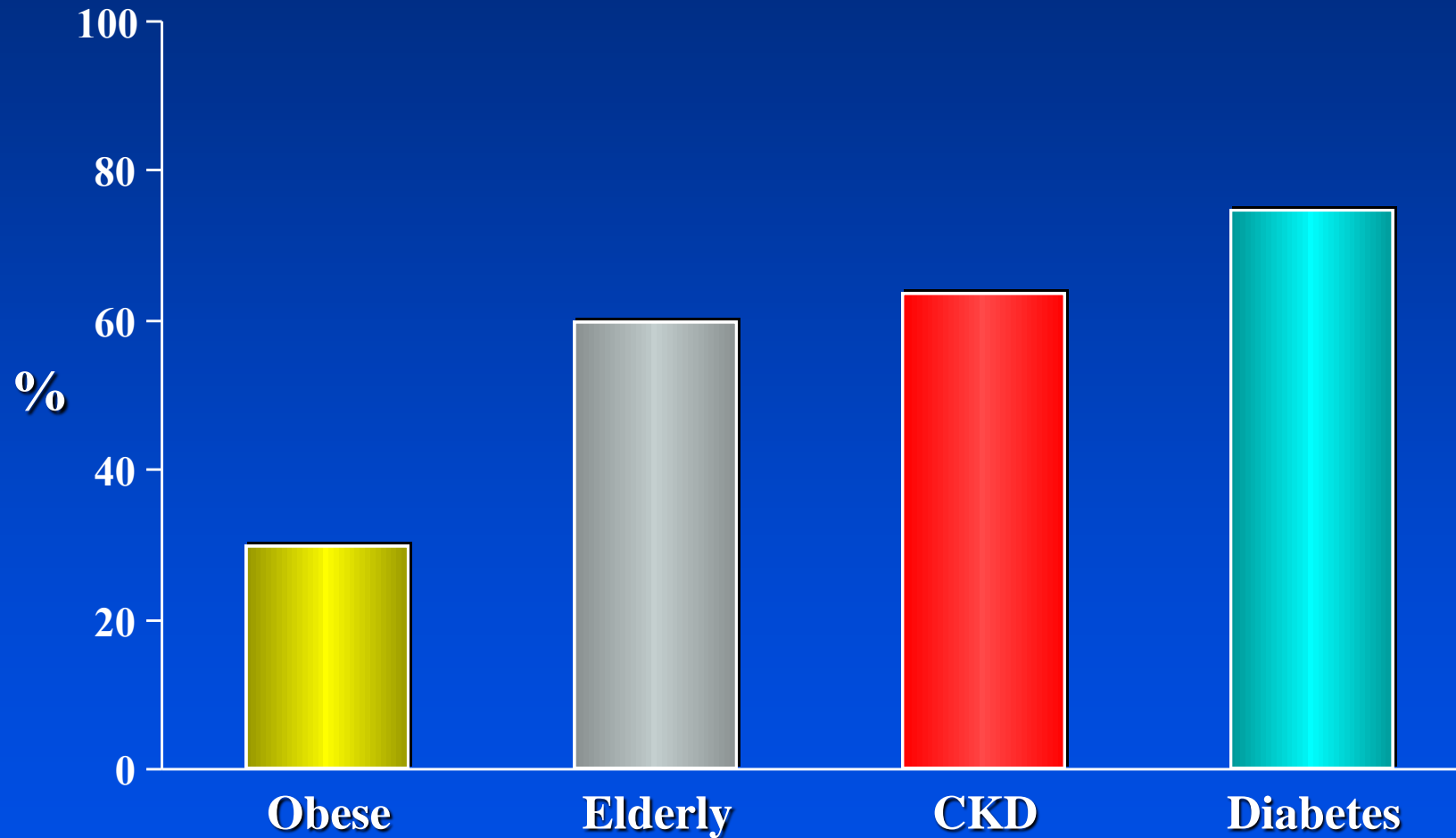
Chobanian AV, et al. *Hypertension*. 2003;42:1206-1252.



The prevalence of resistant hypertension is unknown. Cross-sectional studies suggest that it includes approximately 10% to 15% of the general hypertensive population. Patients with resistant hypertension are at increased cardiovascular risk compared with patients with more easily controlled hypertension.

Acelajado MC, et al. *The Journal of Clinical Hypertension*. 2012;14:7-12.

# Prevalence of Resistant Hypertension in Subgroup of Patients





# Secondary Causes of Resistant Hypertension

## Common

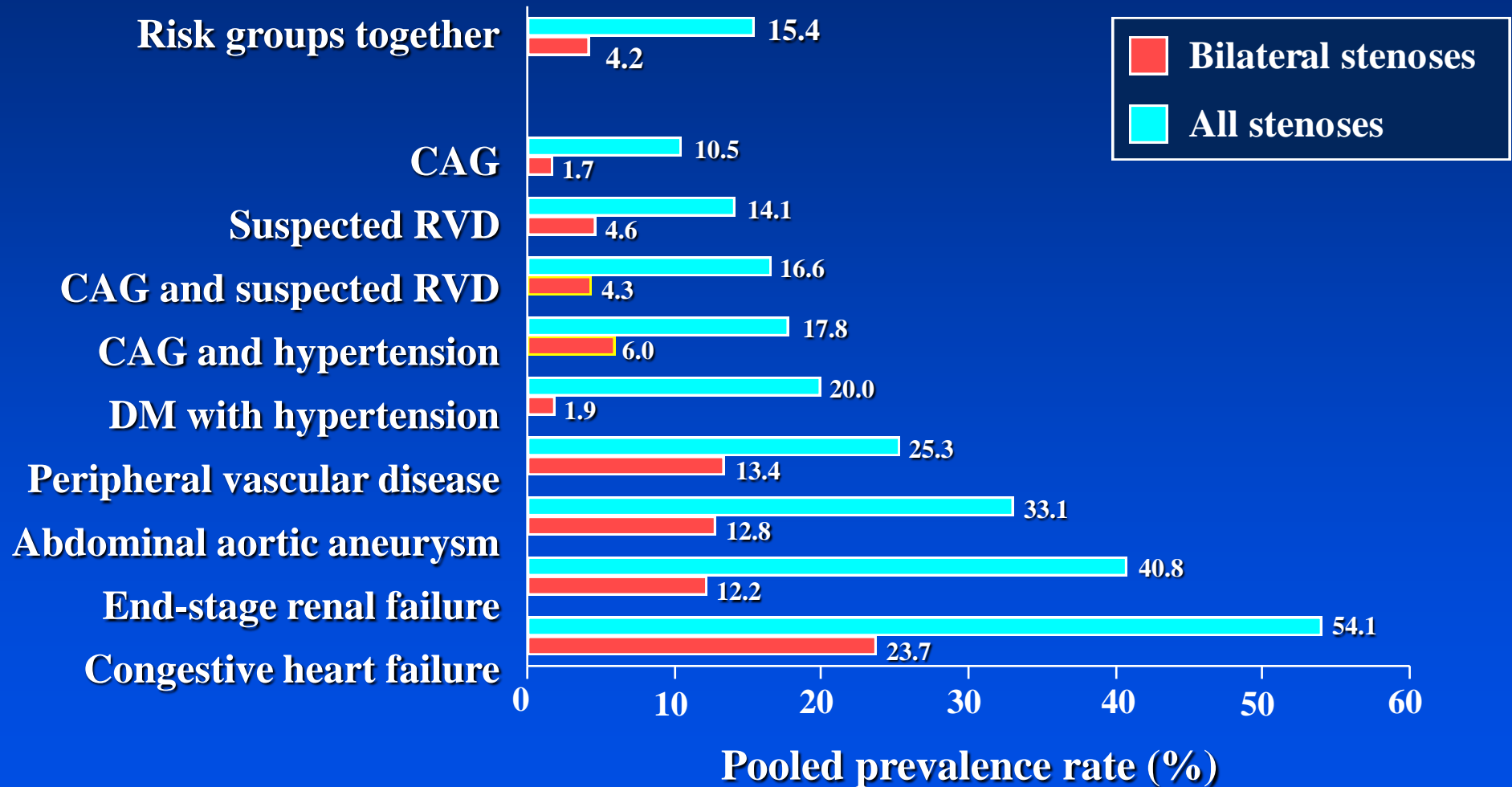
- **Obstructive sleep apnea**
- **Renal parenchymal disease**
- **Primary aldosteronism**
- **Renal artery stenosis**

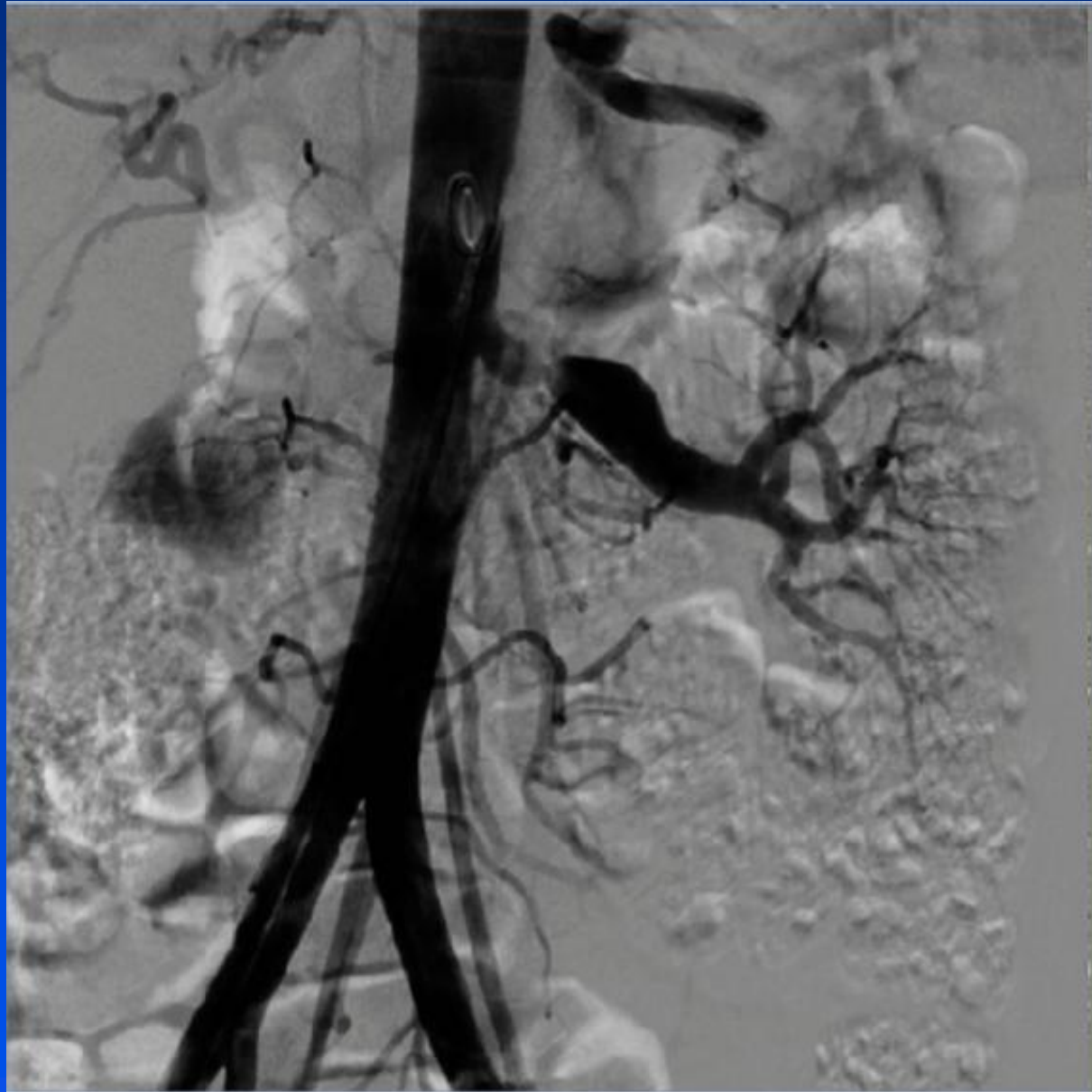
# Secondary Causes of Resistant Hypertension

## Uncommon

- Pheochromocytoma
- Cushing's disease
- Hyperparathyroidism
- Aortic coarctation
- Intracranial tumor

# Pooled Prevalence Rates of Unilateral and Bilateral RAS in Risk Group Categories

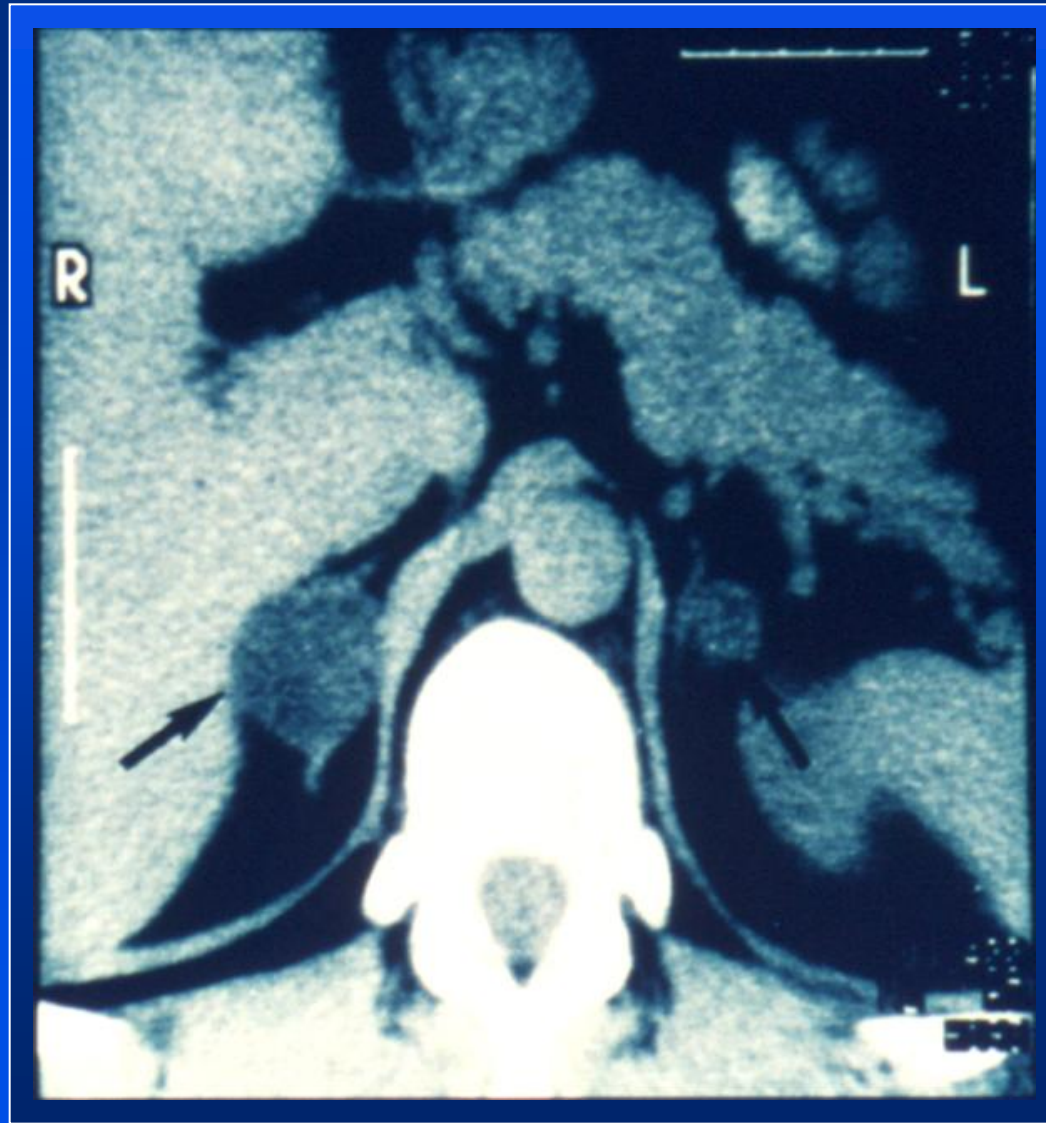




## Effects of PTRA on a patient with severe renal artery stenosis

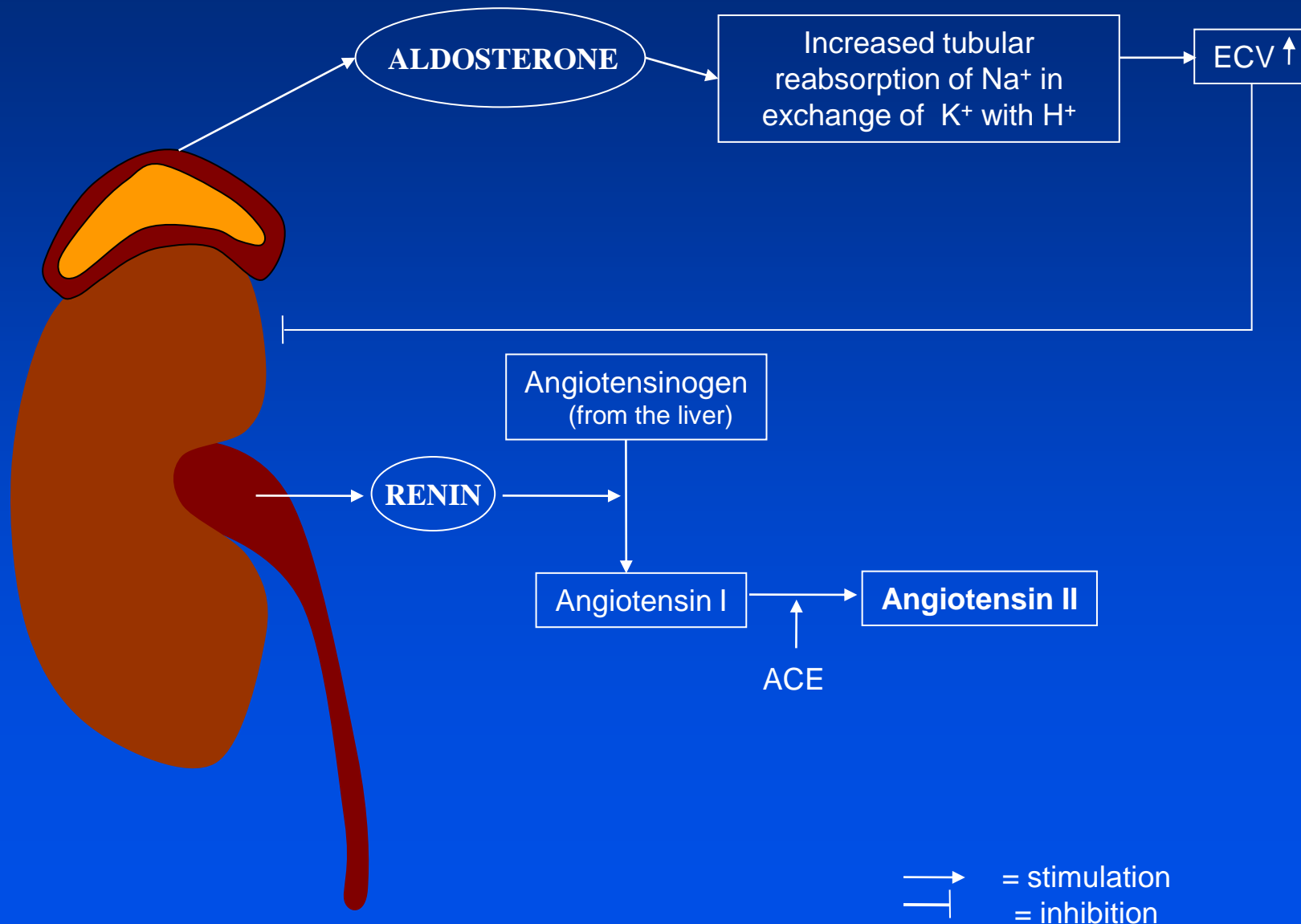
	<b>BP (mmHg)</b>	<b>ABPM (24h) (mmHg)</b>	<b>Renin (<math>\mu</math>U/ml)</b>	<b>Aldo (pg/ml)</b>	<b>Terapia</b>
<b>Pre-PTRA</b>	<b>150/110</b>	<b>138/98</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>Amlodipine 10mg/die</b>
<b>5 days post-PTRA</b>	<b>130/90</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>30 days post-PTRA</b>	<b>130/80</b>	<b>128/89</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

# Bilateral Adrenal Tumor : TAC Imaging

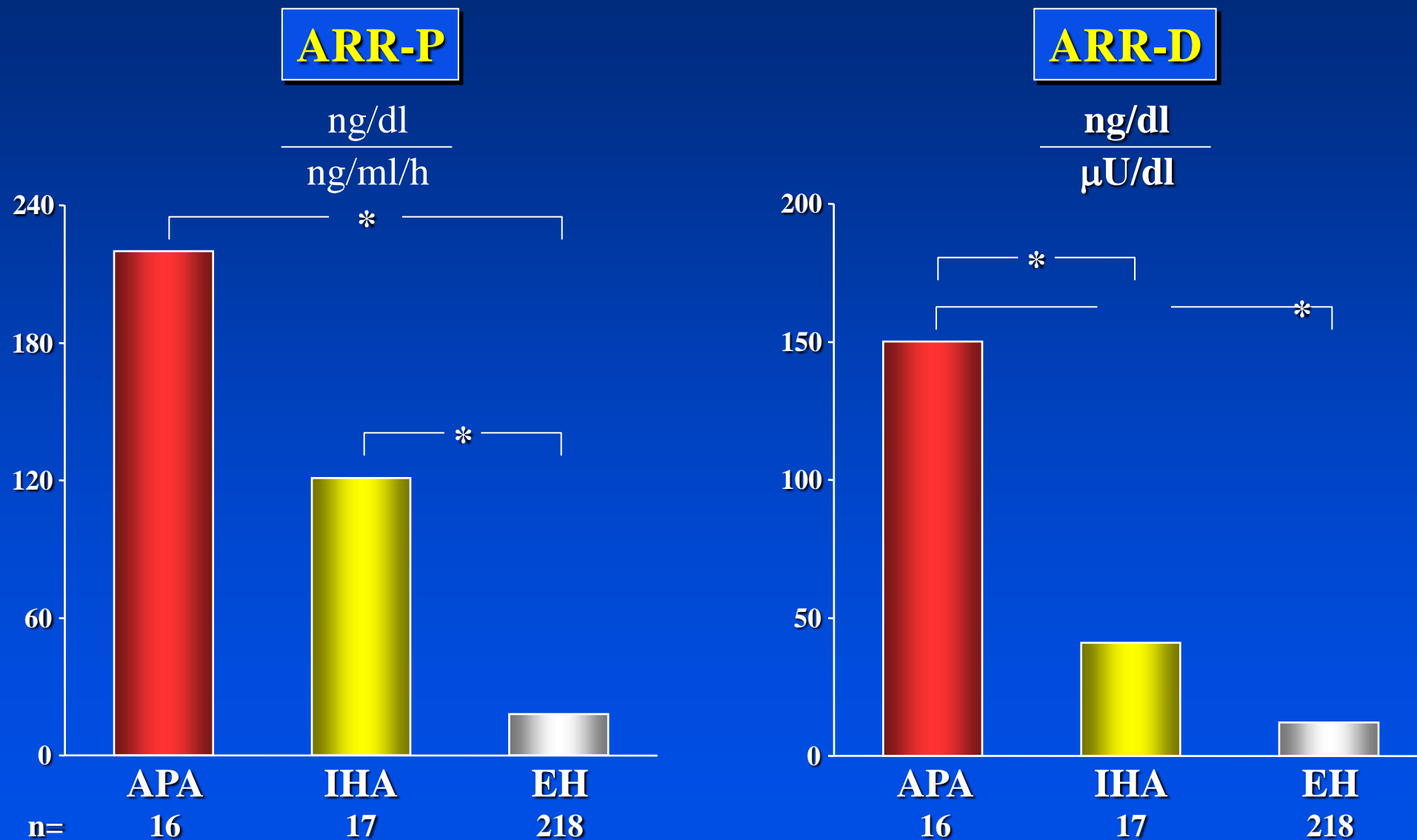


# RAAS

(renin-angiotensin-aldosterone-system)



# Comparison of ARR calculated with PRA and DRA in patients with APA, IHA and EH

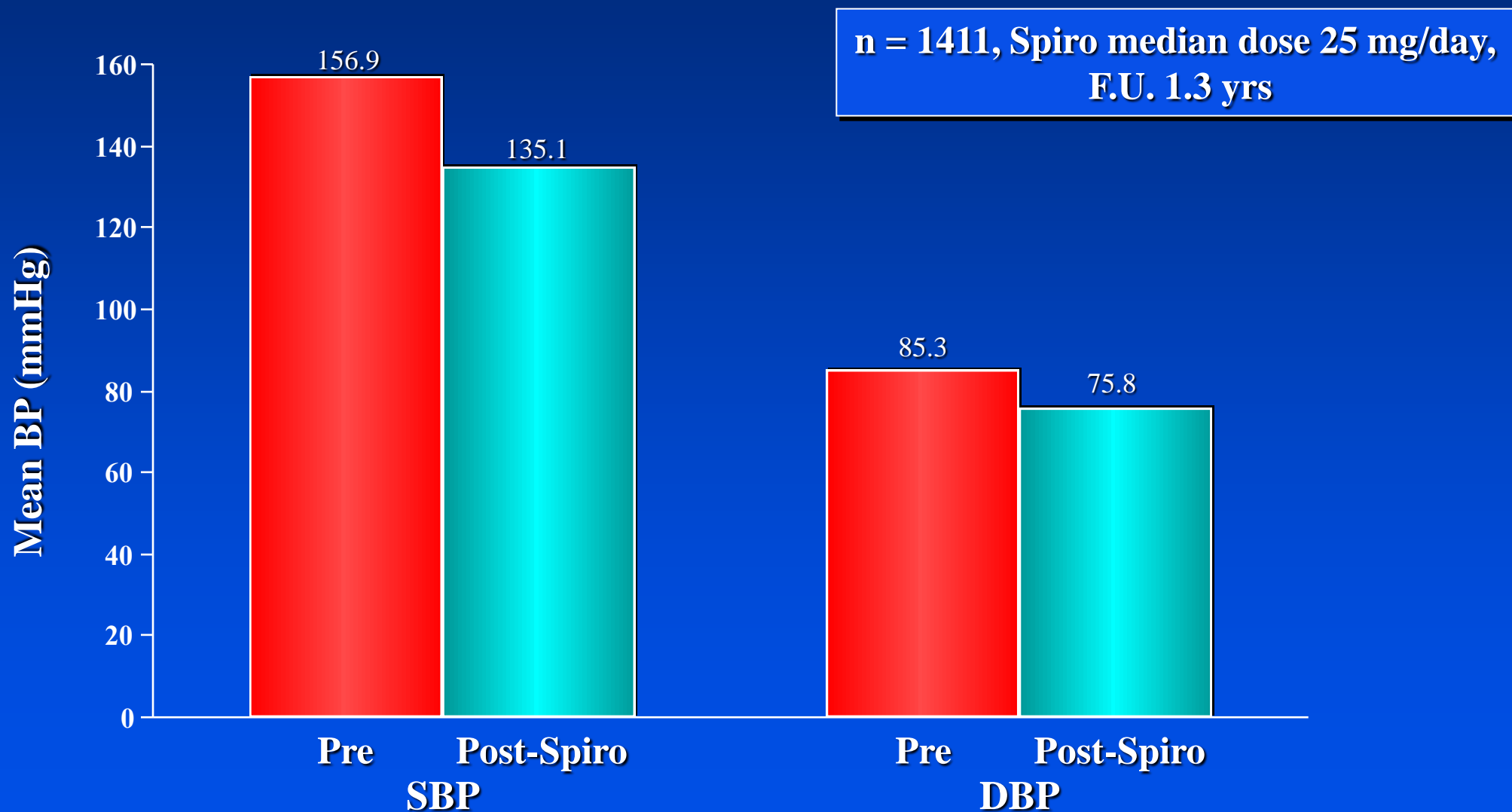




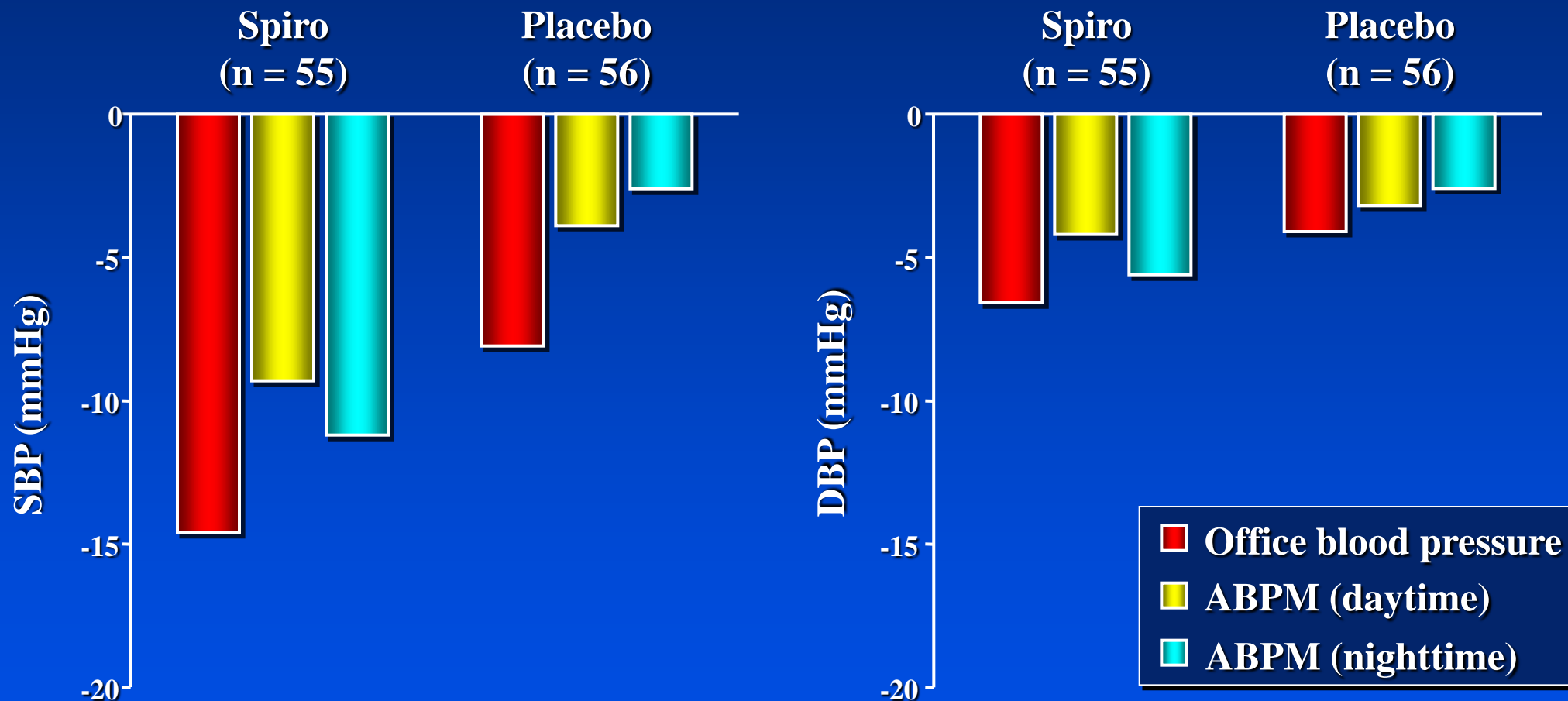
## Association between resistant hypertension and low-renin / high aldosterone profile

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Patients with resistant hypertension (n = 279)</b>	<b>Controls (n = 53)</b>
<b>Clinic SBP/DBP (mmHg)</b>	<b>146/86</b>	<b>125/79</b>
<b>No. of BP medications</b>	<b>4.1 *</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Potassium (mEq/l)</b>	<b>3.9 *</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>Plasma aldosterone (mg/dl)</b>	<b>13.0 *</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>Plasma renin activity (ng/ml.h)</b>	<b>2.3 *</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Plasma ARR</b>	<b>22 *</b>	<b>6</b>

# Mean BP Before and During Spironolactone Treatment in Patients with Resistant Hypertension (ASCOT trial)



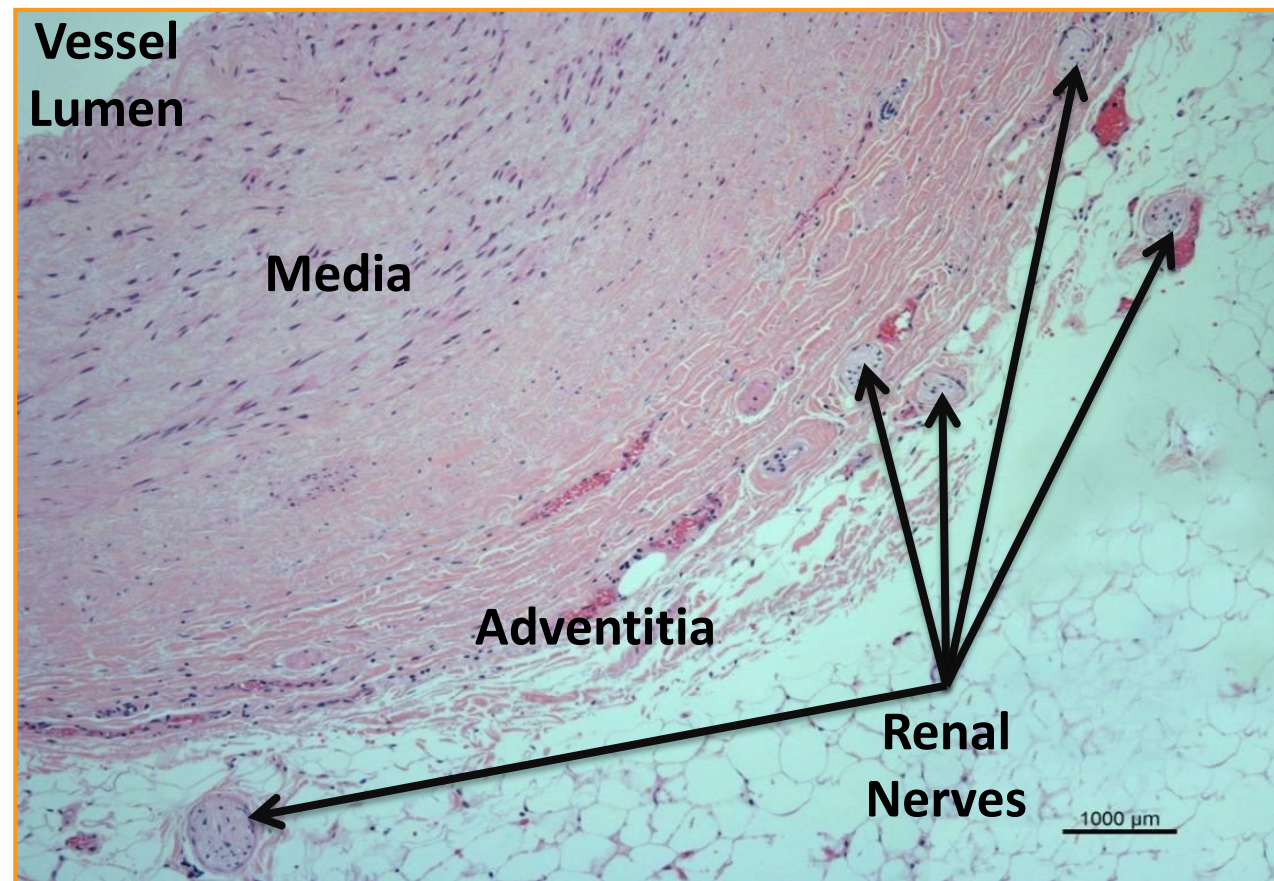
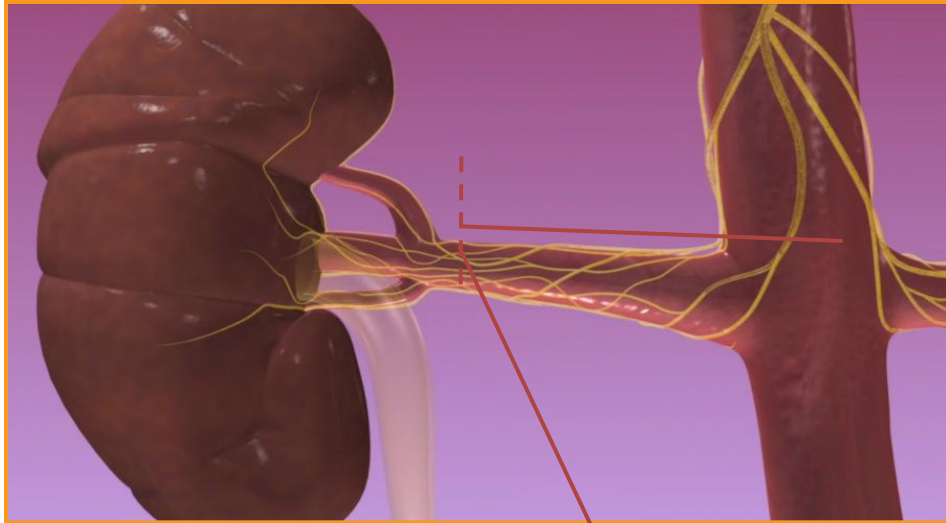
# Effects of spironolactone addition on BP in patients with resistant hypertension - The ASPIRANT Trial



Spironolactone addition: 25 mg/day  
Follow-up: 9 weeks

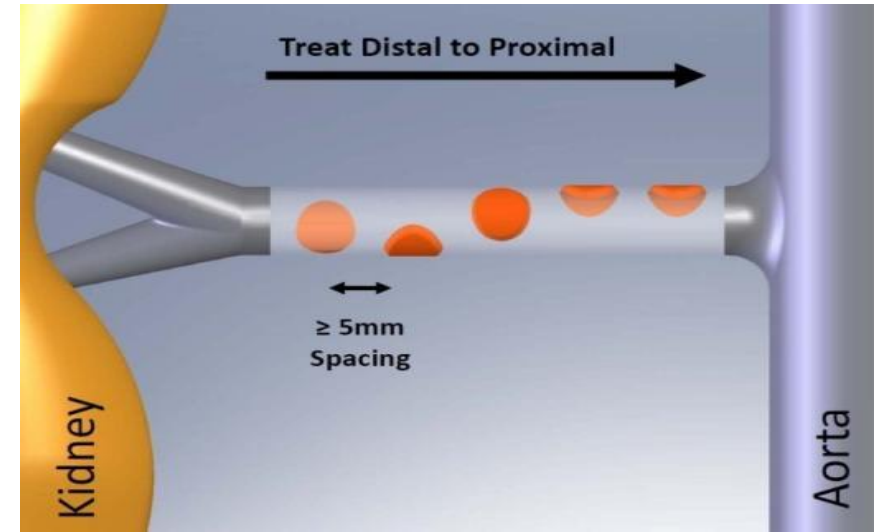
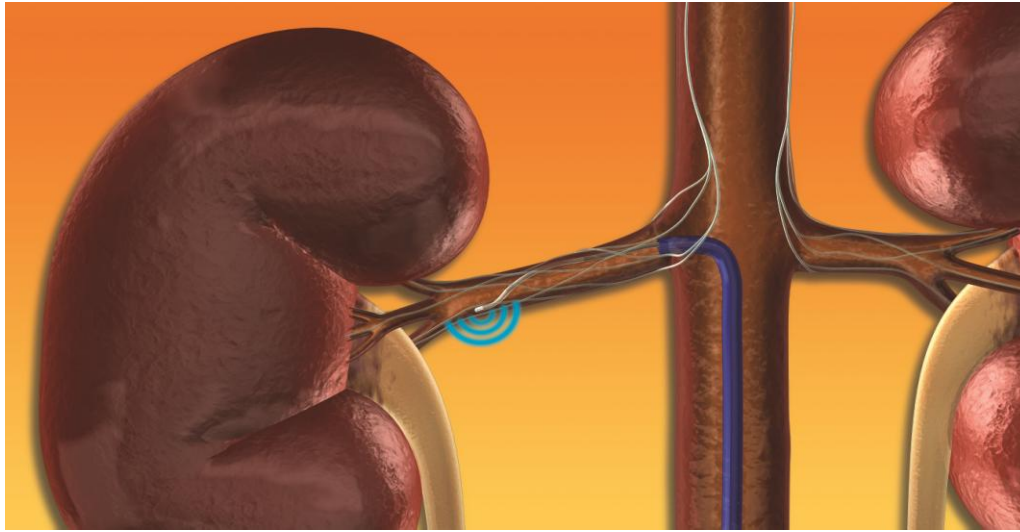
# Targeting Renal Nerves

- Nerves arise from T10-L2
- The nerves arborize around the artery and primarily lie within the adventitia

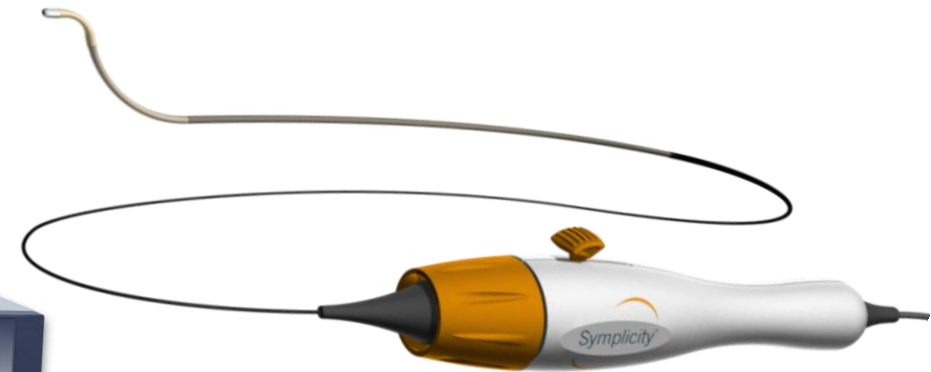




# Renal Nerve Anatomy Allows a Catheter-Based Approach

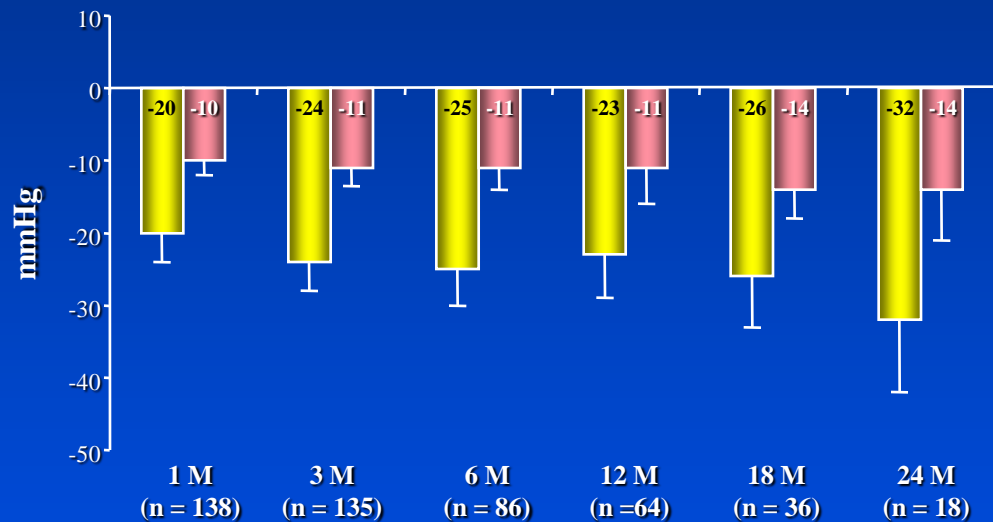


- Standard interventional technique
- 4-6 two-minute treatments per artery
- Proprietary RF Generator
  - Automated
  - Low-power
  - Built-in safety algorithms

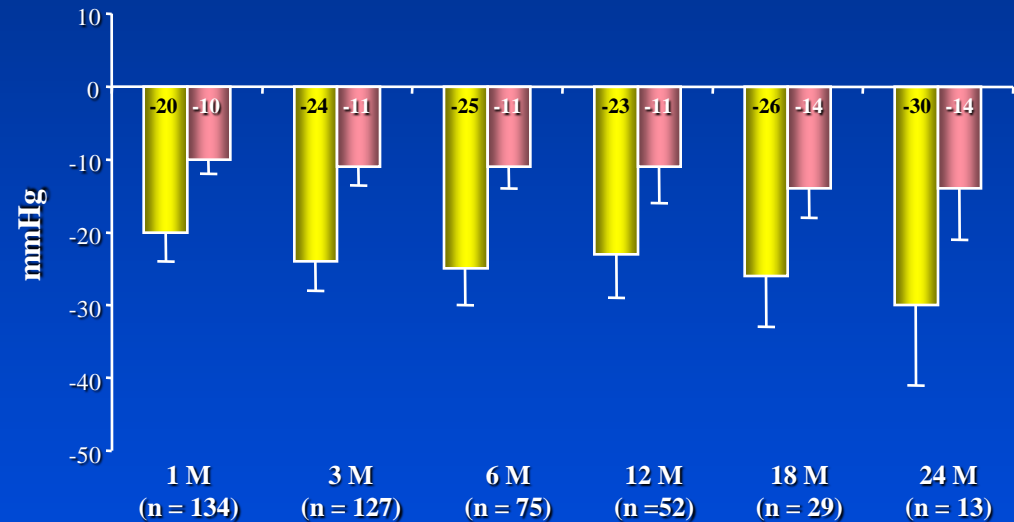


# SBP and DBP changes after RD with and without censoring for medication increases post-RD

Without censoring



With censoring



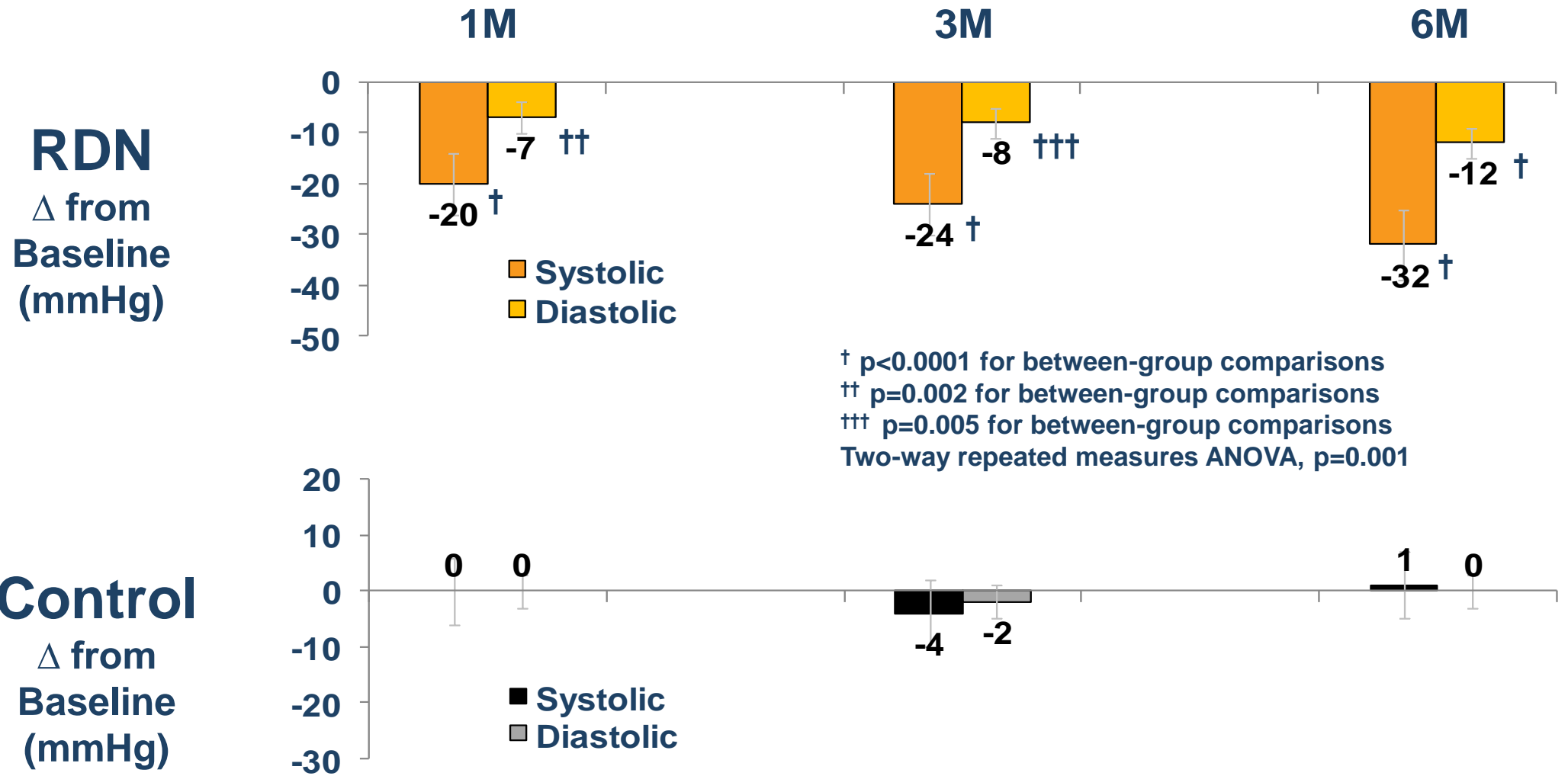
# Side effects of RD in Simplicity HTN-1 Trial

- 97% of cases without complication
- 1 case of renal artery dissection
- 1 case of progression of renal artery stenosis
- No cases of orthostatic hypotension
- 3 cases of transient flank pain

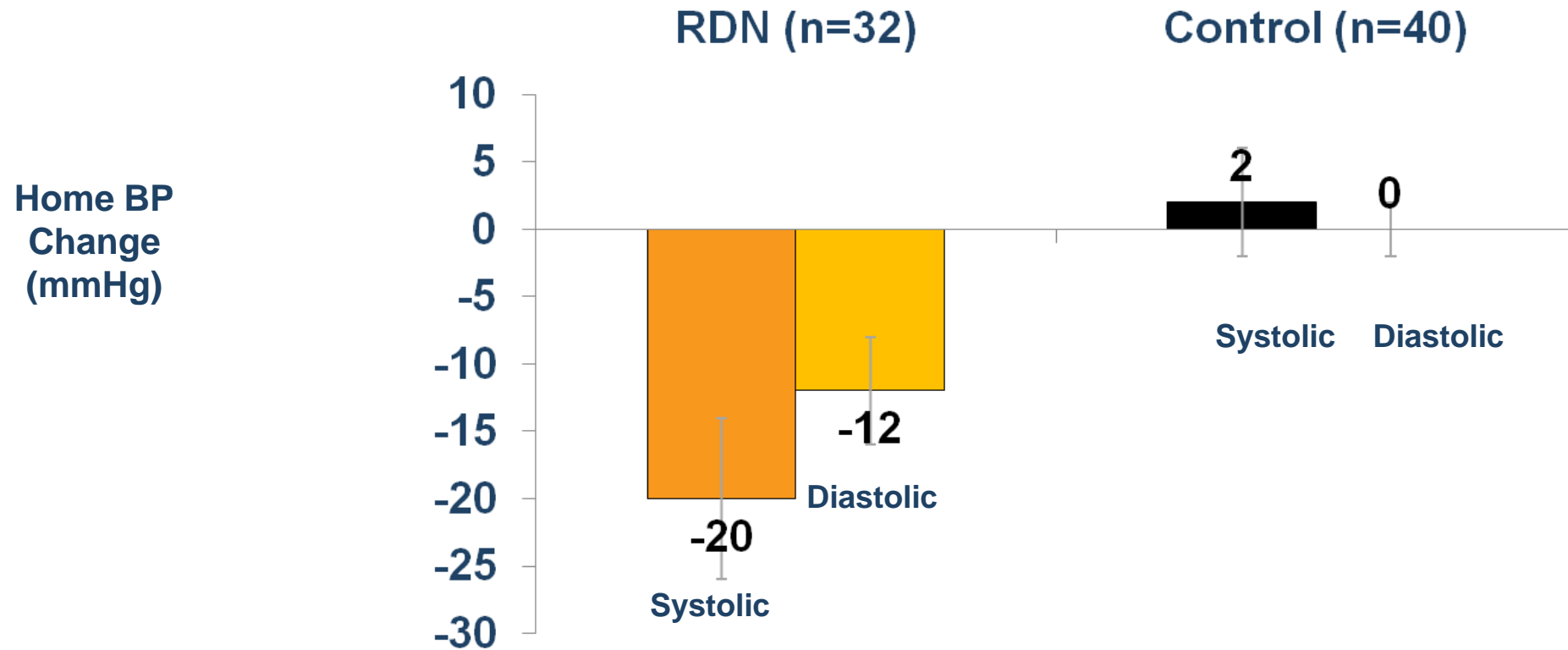
Data from 153 patients with resistant hypertension, follow-up 24 months



# Time Course of Office BP Change



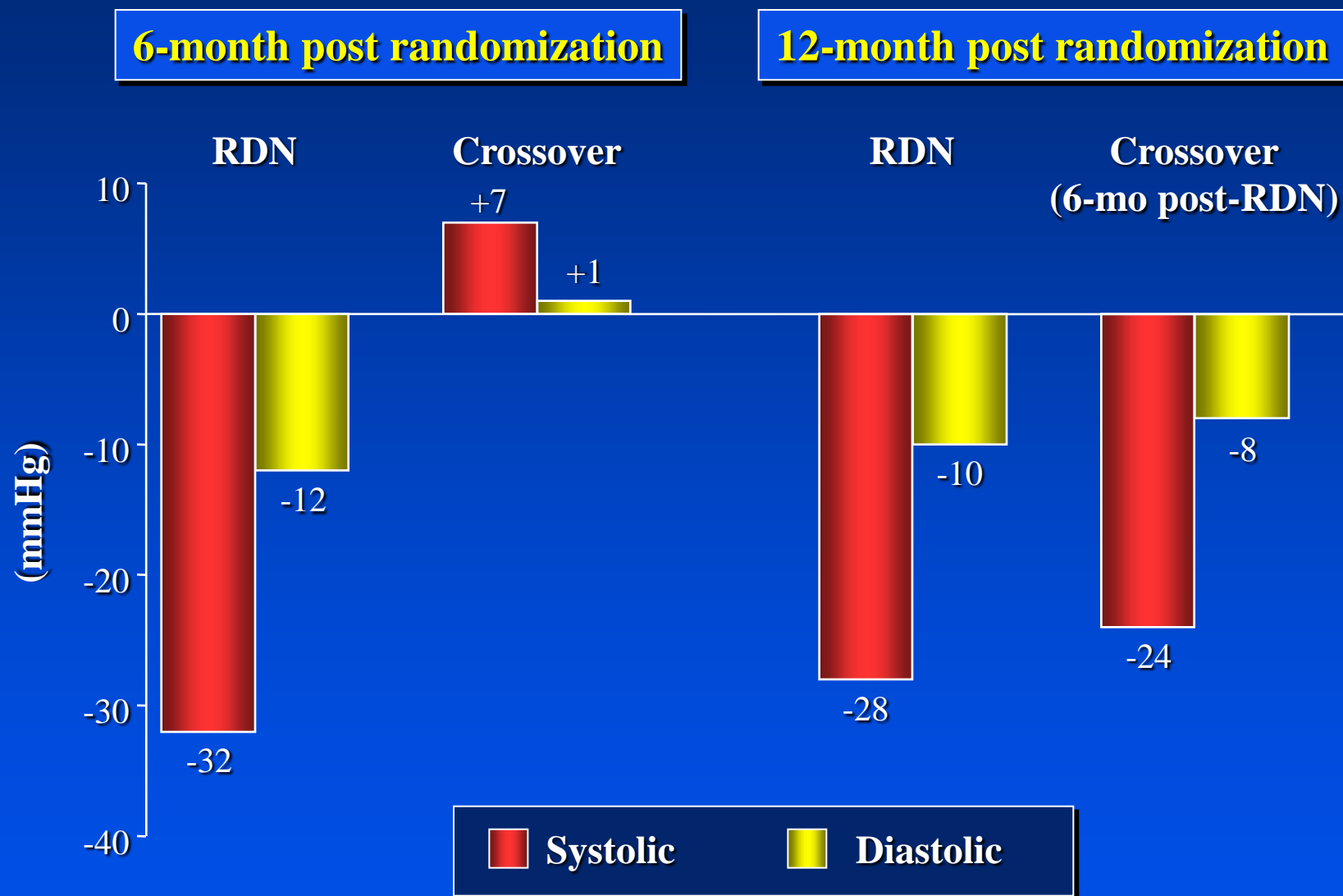
# Home & 24 Hour Ambulatory BP



## 24-h ABPM:

- Analysis on technically sufficient (>70% of readings) paired baseline and 6-month
- RDN (n=20): -11/-7 mmHg (SD 15/11; p=0.006 SBP change, p=0.014 for DBP change)
- Control (n=25): -3/-1 mmHg (SD 19/12; p=0.51 for systolic, p=0.75 for diastolic)

# Symplificity HTN-2 Trial: Effects of Renal Denervation on Clinical Blood Pressure in Patients with Resistant Hypertension



# Flow-chart terapia antipertensiva

- **Considerare la terapia di combinazione come primo step di trattamento**
- **Associare classi di farmaci con meccanismi d'azione complementari minimizzando gli effetti collaterali**
- **Tripla terapia con diuretico, calcio-antagonista e antagonista del RAS (ACEI, ARB, DRI)**
- **Considerare forme secondarie di ipertensione arteriosa**
- **Aggiungere antialdosteronico (spironolattone, canrenoato di potassio, eplerenone)**
- **Considerare denervazione renale**